

CHD helps fund six Archdiocesan self-help projects

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Checks totaling \$43,727 were presented to six projects in the Newark Archdiocese by Archbishop Peter L. Gerety Sept. 17 at the Chancery Office. The funds came from the Campaign for Human development collection held last November.

Coalition Six in Newark received a \$20,000 national grant from the CHD. Four other neighborhood projects received grants of \$5,200 each from the local CHD funds. Another \$2,927 was given to the Archdiocesan Human Development Office.

The four local recipients were the United Vailsburg Service Organization of Newark, the Coalition for a United Elizabeth, the East Orange Tenants Association, and Jersey City Neighborhood Housing Services.

Rev. Marvin A. Mottet, national executive director of the CHD, assisted in making the presentations. A priest of the Davenport, Iowa, Diocese, he has been director of the national office since 1978.

He said that while there are signs of economic recovery in the nation, "there is little for the poor. It is important that the Church not abandon this growing underclass, which is now numbered at over 34 million. Churches have been opening soup kitchens and shelters, but past efforts to empower poor people with organizing and development skills need to be expanded."

ed. We must also increase our efforts to develop worker-owned cooperatives."

He said that the Church can "organize and leverage our own money, both personal and institutional. Church-based credit unions should be initiated and expanded throughout the United States so that we might use our resources in keeping with Gospel values that create a more just and human world."

Coalition Six, which received \$35,600 from CHD last year, will use its current grant to employ professional staff trained in building citizen organizations and to pay operational expenses associated with this project. The coalition was formed to address such local problems as crime and housing. Donald Jackson, its chairman, accepted the grant.

Rev. Myles Varley, chairman, and Mike Farley, director, accepted the grant for the United Vailsburg Service Organization. The funds will be used in the Neighborhood Preservation Project to partially fund an organizer to work on block club development.

Representing the Coalition for a United Elizabeth were Mrs. Carrie Thomas, chairwoman, and Sister Edith Cheney, director. Their grant will be employed to partially pay the salary of an organizer for the Justice through Housing Organization, a project supported by the coalition.

Bob Antonicello, director, accepted the grant for the Jersey City Neighborhood Housing Services. The grant will be used to partially fund an organizer for a project that will attempt to identify and involve the growing Hispanic population in the Heights section of Jersey City and to facilitate interaction among the neighborhood residents.

Lynne Waiters, director of the East Orange Tenants Association, accepted the grant which will assist the association in future fund-raising endeavors. It will also encourage the training of its members, and will identify professionals who can assist in their efforts.

Sister Catherine Daly, director of the Archdiocesan Human Development Office, said that it will begin use of its grant with a workshop Oct. 12 at the Coachman Inn, Cranford, to provide groups throughout the state with the opportunity to establish a network for rallying around common goals.

Father Mottet said that 18 national grants have now been made to projects in the archdiocese, totaling \$435,650.

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